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Tiajpromexport	Russia	0.00	0.00	8.35
Tata Robin Frasers Limited	India	7.43	14.73	8.44
Bharat Heavy Plates & Vessels Limited	India	39.87	25.16	13.64
Elecon Engg.	India	1.49	8.08	3.94
Braihwaite and Company	India	0.00	3.35	3.85
M N Dastur & Company	India	0.10	29.11	12.04
ISJEC Johan Thompson	India	0.00	1.36	0.18
National Engg. Industries Ltd.	India	0.00	0.00	16.13
Indian Railways	India	0.00	0.00	5.68
Visvesviraya Iron & Steel Ltd.	India	0.00	0.00	2.22
Tata Electric & Locomotives Company Limited	India	0.00	2.09	0.56
Mannesmann Demag Sack GmbH	Germany	0.00	0.00	12.03
Siemens	Germany	0.00	0.00	8.67
Mannesmann Demag Aktiengesellschaft (Huettentechnik)	Germany	0.00	0.00	14.76
Sehldemann Siemag AG	Germany	0.00	0.00	5.51
GFA Analgenbau GmbH	Germany	0.00	0.00	1.20
Radex	Austria	0.00	1.04	1.35
Others	India	4.10	6.88	7.68
		79.68	160.11	328.53

*Note:—Figures for 1992-93 Provisional pending audit of accounts.

Closure of Mini Steel Units in Secondary Steel Sector

2132. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of mini units in secondary steel sector have been closed down recently following increase in the import duty on metal scrap;

(b) the names of the units which have already been closed down and which are on the verge of closure;

(c) whether the increase in import duty on scrap has been effected to favour spongs iron units owned by the kith and kin of some VVIP;

(d) whether any representations have been made to Government to revise its policy; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (e) Government have not received reports of closure of a large number of mini steel plants (Electric Arc Furnace Units) recently following the increase in the import duty on steel melting scrap.

Mini Steel Plants had represented to Government against increase in import duty on steel melting scrap from 10 percent

to 15 percent in the budget proposals for 1993-94. The duty has now been brought down from 15 percent to 12.5 percent.

Capital Restructuring of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

2133. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far taken any decision regarding the Capital restructuring of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the holding company of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) what are the details of the capital restructuring formula;

(c) whether it is a fact that inordinate delay on the part of Government has pushed the cost of Plant several times and loans kept on mounting to unmanageable levels, indicating the amount of non-Government loans taken from various financial institutions as on 1st April, 1992; and

(d) by when the plant is expected to be fully revived ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The proposal of Restructuring the Capital Base of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited is still under consideration of the Government.

(c) The delay in completion and commissioning of Visakhapatnam Steel Project for various reasons has resulted in the cost over-runs of the Project. Due to non-availability of full budgetary support, funds were mobilised by way of raising loans from financial institutions, Banks, other Public Sector Undertakings and Public Bonds. The loans outstanding from these sources as on 1st April, 1992 were of the order of Rs. 1663 crores.

(d) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is expected to achieve full capacity utilisation by 1996-97 and earn a net profit from the year 1997-98.

Production Cost of Steel in Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant

2134. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of different categories of steel produced at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) what are the corresponding figures in other units of the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to, reduce cost of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (c) It will not be in the commercial interest of the companies to disclose their cost of production Some units of Stage-II of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) were commissioned last year and are still in the process of stabilisation. With a view to improving production and a gradual build up of capacity utilisation, VSP management has taken steps with the help of foreign specialists to remove the bottlenecks.

As the Plant achieves higher production levels and batter techno-economic parameters, the cost of production will further come down.

भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड के पास वायुयान

2135. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड के पास कितने वायुयान हैं और इनकी कीमत क्या है; और

(ख) क्या इन वायुयानों पर किसी गैर-सरकारी व्यक्ति को प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने की कोई व्यवस्था है; यदि हां, तो अब तक किन-